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# Five Trapped Divisions Will Swell Desert Bag Of 20,000 Prisoners, 350 Tanks And 400 Guns

# EIGHTH ARMY ALL OUT TO TRAP ROMMEL

From R. F. ROLAND, Reuter's Special Correspondent

## A Hard Period, Says Rome

## ITALIANS TOLD, HIDE JITTERS

MARIO APPELUS, Rome Radio speaker, last night implored the Italian people to "keep their jitters to themselves."

He added (says Reuter): "It is a crime against our nation to let the jitters be upon us."

"Naturally we Italians feel deeply about what is going on in Africa, but the country must remain calm and manly, as it has always done in moments of great hardships."

"There is not the slightest doubt that we are passing through an extremely hard period. In moments such as these, the home front is called upon by the nation to keep itself steady up."

"Every Italian must be a sentry, mounting guard in the streets, at home and at work."

"Genoa has once more been the victim of the enemy's brutality, but the greater this brutality the more steeled the city becomes to us."

"The main attention of our country is of course, Africa, where our brave men are again engaged in the struggle for the sacred soil which are characteristic of Italian warfare."

"This time the storm is heavier and more furious than previously."

"The process of looking away was not so easy and there were moments of great drama, but thanks to THE SACRIFICIAL SPIRIT OF SEVERAL OF OUR CITIZENS, IT WAS ACHIEVED."

"The battle has been and still continues to be very hard."

"The enemy has fought with great tenacity and he is well equipped."

## SPLENDID VICTORY, WAVELL TELEGRAPHS

Your splendid victory has cheered us all and I shall be proud if you would condescend to let me know how you are getting on."

Major-General Tedder, General Montgomery, Air Vice-Marshal Anderson and all other officers received the warm congratulations of the Command."

This was the text of a message congratulating sent by General Tedder to General Alexander."

"It is a matter of particular interest to me here in the desert to know that the units which were among the first to take the offensive in the Western Desert in 1940, are still playing a part in the present operations."

## Navy's Coast Duel With Retreating Panzers

From JOHN R. NIXON, Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet.

BRITISH motor torpedo-boats—built in America—have had a duel with Rommel's tanks along the Axis front line near Mersa Matruh.

These small ships were sent to attack an enemy coastal position.

For 10 minutes they blazed away at the shore. Then, they were driven away by streams of green smoke which came from the tanks from 800-yards.

We ducked, but none of the boats was hit, said one torpedo boat captain.

Enemy aircraft joined in the attack on our naval force, which was close on shore, some 10 miles from the coast. They were driven away by the enemy's anti-aircraft fire, which they were of the explosive force.

Bombs were also aimed at the boats, but they remained undamaged.

The Eighth Army tonight is going all out to trap Rommel's Panzers for a final "kill." More than 120 miles from the starting point of their offensive, our forces are hard on the heels of the retreating enemy.

Mobile columns in the open desert are sweeping towards the coast from south of Mersa Matruh in an effort to force a decisive battle.

In such a battle, Rommel, who is now known to have little effective armour left, would be at the mercy of the British Army—facing the prospect of complete destruction.

He is like a wounded animal at bay. Bounding behind, worrying and attacking him in every possible occasion, are Montgomery's "hounds," staked by almost ceaseless travel, but still full of the chase.

General Rommel has made one serious effort to halt the onrushing British mechanized forces.

He ordered what remains of his battered panzers to turn and give battle with the prospect of the advance on the Fuka escape-route, about 50 miles east of Mersa Matruh.

This proved of no avail. Our armoured forces attacked and, after inflicting losses, moved on.

The extent of the Axis losses is emphasized in the latest communiqué issued.

Prisoners now number well over 20,000, while war material captured in the last week includes 350 tanks, 400 guns and many thousands of vehicles.

But these figures are conservative—to say the least. Every passing hour adds to the Eighth Army's "bag" of men and equipment.

Reuter's 20,000 prisoners are far officially stated to include 15,000 men.

Scattered all over the desert are 15,000 men—trapped with little or no hope of escape. Soon close on 100,000 Axis prisoners should be in our hands.

There is no shadow of doubt that the Axis forces in the desert are demoralized groups of Italian, German and French troops.

They were not food and water, waiting to be captured and sent to the Allied rear—and rations.

The Italians were betrayed by the Germans, whose policy of anxiety was to leave their own skin.

Their allies were left to fend for themselves in the attempted delaying action while Rommel's Germans scuttled westwards in the direction of the frontier.

If anything, the Italians have been luckier than their compatriots.

Seeing the hopelessness of their plight, they have surrendered in wholesale fashion while the fleeing Germans have been subjected to a "blitz" (without parallel) in the history of desert warfare.

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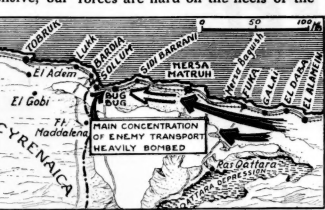
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"Where Can We Surrender?"

## LONG LINES OF AXIS PRISONERS

From ERIC LLOYD WILLIAMS, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

With the Eighth Army, Saturday.

DRIVING along the coast from Daba to Fuka today, I had the unusual job of directing parties of a hundred or more Italians who were disconsolately asking where they could surrender.

All along the road we met long lines of Axis troops, mostly Italians, trudging along in a dazed way towards prison camps.

All the evidence shows that the Axis withdrawal from the Daba and Alamein area was in the nature of a rout.

The whole country west of Daba, and a substantial number of Axis armoured tanks and dead bodies.

So rapidly did the Eighth Army advance that, large pockets, mainly of Italian troops, were being surrounded.

All the tracks and roads going east were crisscrossed with Italians driving their own lorries and adding the way to the nearest prison camp.

They were all smiling. Even the armoured divisions, and the Australian, last South African, Indian (which has fought in all the Middle East battles) and New Zealanders.

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## Montgomery's New Order Of

## The Day

## 'GERMANS ASKED FOR IT: THEY'LL GET IT'

From CURTIS HINDSON, Reuter's Special Correspondent

General MacArthur's Headquarters, S.W. Pacific, Saturday.

AUSTRIAN troops advancing in New Guinea towards the Japanese invasion base at Buna, on the north coast, have clashed with the Japanese rearguard in a new action.

Fighting is going on near the village of Ovi, on the trail leading from Kokoda. General MacArthur reported today.

From entrenchments on high ground outside the village the Japanese are putting up the stiffest resistance they have shown since the last Kokoda week ago.

They are evidently determined to hold up the Australian troops, but exactly where the main battle will be fought is not yet clear.

The Wairopi Bridge, ten miles from the present Allied positions, and the Kumusi River further on down the trail, form natural barriers suited to the strategy adopted by the Japanese in their retreats.

"JUNGLE TRICKS" — One who has carefully mastered the technique of jungle fighting and are now beating the Japanese at their own game.

Describing the Japanese "jungle tricks," one wounded Australian, now home, said: "We found that many Japanese were wearing British colours from the last war, when they were our allies."

"On one occasion my company cleared up a strong point and pushed on. Another company, coming up behind, discovered that the Japanese had apparently feigned death. Our men got them all."

"When a third company moved up they found 13 more Japanese, and a fourth company found another 15."

All these men had either been hiding in the jungle or else lying behind their dead."

## MORE SWISS ALERTS LAST NIGHT: ITALY AGAIN?

AIR raid alarms were sounded in Bern, Geneva and numerous other districts of Switzerland last night, said Berlin Radio in a report from Bern.

The alarm in Bern was sounded about 8.15 p.m., and in a number of places Swiss A.A. guns went into action.—B.U.P.

## 2 Sneak Planes In Crash

TWO F.W. 190's, attempting to escape the guns of a Fighting French pilot, of Fighter Command, yesterday afternoon collided and crashed into the Channel off Beachy Head.

The F.W.'s were flying in a low altitude, and the Frenchman, in his Spitfire spotted them, back the Air Ministry said.

"I came in behind them," he opened fire, killing one and forcing the other to crash near the coast.

"He made a sharp turn and collected the tail of his companion."

One of them went straight into the water. The other glided down, tried to land on the beach, but sank immediately.

## Egypt Triumph Is Only The Curtain-Raiser

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The heavy RAF raid on Italy on Friday night gave the Italians a foretaste of what is coming to them.

Mr. Churchill will probably say that there is going to be a Second Front in Europe.

The British Navy is already waiting for orders.

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# RED GUARDS CELEBRATE SOVIET DAY WITH NEW ADVANCE IN STALINGRAD FACTORY AREA

# Germans Stopped On All Fronts

Moscow, Saturday.

THE flood-tide of the German advance appears to have turned. After their 300-mile advance the Germans today find the Red Army standing firm and unshaken and hitting back on all the vital fronts.

In the 25th birthday of the Soviet Union, the Red Army have something of which to be proud. They have fought the longest and the most difficult battle in the history of the world, in the Terek valley, on the foothills of Mount Caucasus, that slopes towards Naikhek, and in the thick pine-woods above Tuzape.

Now in Stalingrad, the Red Army is striking out. Today Red Guards celebrated the Soviet anniversary by making their second advance in 48 hours.

It took place in the important Terek area in the northern sectors of the city, where the Russians drove the enemy from two strong-points.

There were none of the customary Soviet victory whoops in the German communiqué today. The Soviet communiqué said: "Eight more blockhouses were destroyed north-west of the city, and the Soviet pressure is being maintained."

In the Naikhek area heavy fighting continues. The enemy threw in 4,000 men supported by tanks yesterday in an attempt to break through after days of bombardment.

Siberian—manned armoured troops played a part in routing this attack, in which the German casualties were very heavy and tanks were lost.

The German drive in this sector has now been halted for four days. North-east of Tuzape an encircled German group of 170 men was wiped out.

Soviet troops holding the initiative have captured several important heights and continue to press along their lines of advance.

Hungarian forces at Voronezh report that the temperature on the banks of the Don has dropped below zero for the first time this winter. Snow has fallen.

"NO BOX, NO MATCH" — Matchless may now only be sold in the form of a matchbox. The match is returned, according to a Paris dispatch to the Vichy Radio.

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## Here's a food that's STILL LESS THAN PRE-WAR PRICE

THE Chinese High Command communiqué today said that enemy troops in the Shaanxi area of Hupeh Province, who had been repelled on November 5, had renewed their attacks on Chinese positions with the arrival of reinforcements.

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(RAF Raid on Genoa—Black Page.)

## RAF Caused Riot in Genoa

ITALIAN Frontiers, Saturday.

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Whether that is so, or not, cannot be said.

It is significant that Italy is beginning to fear for her own skin, and is wondering how much she may rely on getting from the Reichsheer and the Luftwaffe.

It has shown that in a stand-up fight between Britain and Germany, Britain has won, and can win.

The old myth of Nazi invincibility has been blown sky high in the desert.

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